

NURSING AND THE WAR.

THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

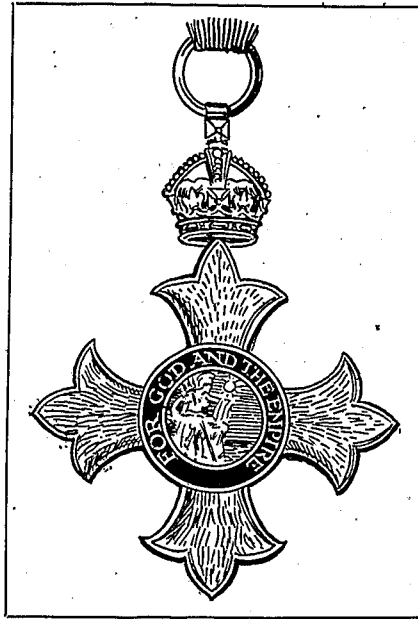
The Order of the British Empire, in which the rank of Commander has been conferred on the Matrons of the four largest London Hospitals—St. Bartholomew's, St. Thomas', Guy's, and the London—is open equally to men and to women. With the Order of the Companions of Honour, it has been instituted by the King, in recognition of the manifold services which have been rendered, both by British subjects and their Allies, in connection with the war, as a new Order of Chivalry; and it is ordained that those admitted to this Order shall be such persons, male or female, as may have rendered, or shall hereafter render, important service to the Empire. It is also ordained that the Order shall consist of the Sovereign and a Grand Master and of five several classes: (1) "Knights Grand Cross" and "Dames Grand Cross"; (2) "Knights Commanders" and "Dames Commanders"; (3) "Commanders"; (4) "Officers"; and (5) "Members." The Order ranks next to the Royal Victorian Order and before the Distinguished Service Order. The women who are Commanders of the Order have place and precedence next to and immediately before the wives of Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

It is ordained that the Knights and Dames Grand Cross of this Most Excellent Order shall upon all great and solemn occasions wear the badge of the Order, which shall consist of a cross patonce, enamelled pearl, fimbriated or surmounted by a gold medallion with a representation of Britannia seated within a circle gules inscribed with the

motto, "For God and the Empire," in letters of gold ensigned with the Imperial Crown or, the whole suspended from a purple riband of the breadth of three inches and three-quarters, passing from the right shoulder to the left side, and they shall wear on the left side of their coats or outer garments an oval Star composed of eight points and charged with a medallion as above.

The riband of the Knights Commanders and Dame Commanders is of the breadth of one inch and three quarters, the Badge is similar to but smaller than that worn by the Knights and Dames Grand Cross, and their silver Star is also similar. The Commanders wear the like riband and Badge as that for the Knights or Dames Commanders of the Most Excellent Order, but they are not entitled to wear the Star.

By the courtesy of the Editor of *The Gentlewoman*, we are able to reproduce the Badge and Star of the Order, which will be of much interest to our readers.



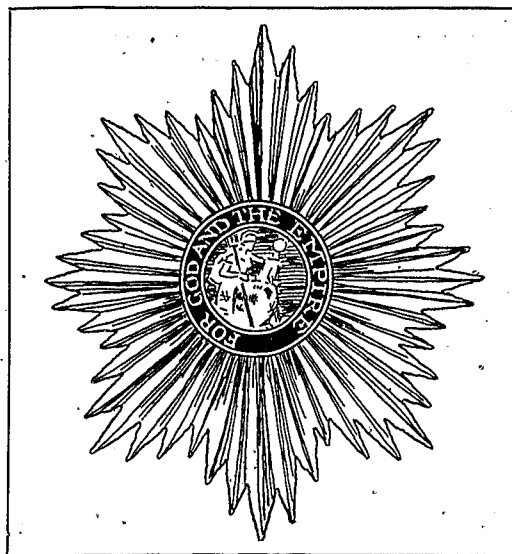
BADGE OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The Royal Red Cross has been awarded to the undermentioned ladies in connection with the Mesopotamia Campaign:—

FIRST CLASS.—Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service: Sister and Acting Matron Miss N. Blew, Senior Nursing Sister Miss A. M. Harris, Sister Miss M. James (Reserve), Sister and Acting Matron Miss J. Murphy, Senior Nursing Sister Miss J. S. R. Wilson. Territorial Force Nursing Service: Sister Miss E. Murray, A.R.R.C.

SECOND CLASS.—Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service: Sister Miss M. McNaughton (retired). Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve): Sister Miss J. R. Basker, Staff Nurse Miss I. Bull, Sister Miss D. M. N. Dawson,



STAR OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

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